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JOBURG FOR REGIONAL MINERALS OFFICER

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: MZ
SUBJECT: MINE EXPLOSION AT MOATIZE COAL FIELD

1. ACCORDING TO A GOVERNMENT COMMUNIQUE PUBLISHED IN TODAY'S PRESS, 150 MOZAMBICAN MINERS WERE TRAPPED UNDERGROUND AND FEARED DEAD FOLLOWING A "VIOLENT EXPLOSION" IN ONE OF THE DEEP MINES AT THE MOATIZE COAL FIELD IN NORTHWESTERN MOZAMBIQUE.

2. IN AFTERMATH OF THE TRAGEDY, NINE EUROPEANS WORKING ABOVE GROUND WERE REPORTEDLY KILLED "IN SERIOUS INCIDENTS AND DISORDERS". ORDER AT THE MINE WAS LATER RESTORED BY PROVINCIAL AUTHORITIES FROM TETE.

3. COMMENT: THIS IS THE SECOND MINE DISASTER AT MOATIZE IN THE PAST YEAR. IN SEPTEMBER 1976, AN EXPLOSION IN ANOTHER MINE SHAFT CLAIMED THE LIVES OF NEARLY A DOZEN MEN. THE EUROPEANS
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KILLED IN THE VIOLENT INCIDENTS WHICH FOLLOWED THE LATEST EXPLOSION WERE BELIEVED TO BE BELGIUMS AND PORTUGUESE. ACCORDING TO ONE EMBASSY SOURCE, THE MANAGER OF THE MINE, HENRIQUE DE SOUSA PONTES, WAS AMONG THOSE KILLED.

4. THE GOVERNMENT IS DISTURBED BY THE DISORDERS THAT TOOK PLACE AFTER THE EXPLOSION. MINISTER OF AGRICULTURE CARVALHO

TOLD THE AMBASSADOR THIS MORING THAT AS OF 2330 HOURS LAST
NIGHT THE GOVERNMENT DID NOT KNOW EXACTLY WHAT HAD HAPPENED,
BUT HAS SENT A TEAM TO MOATIZE TO INVESTIIGATE.DE PREE

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